

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1951.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st March, 1951, was estimated to be 576,851, comprising 296,534 Males and 280,317 Females.

The estimated population of the Metropolitan Area at the 31st December, 1950, was 309,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	<u>JULY.</u>		<u>7 Months ended JULY.</u>	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Marriages - Number.	355	346	3,242	3,171
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	7.19	7.29	9.67	9.88
Births - Number.	1,244	1,215	8,737	8,024
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	25.19	25.60	26.05	25.01
Deaths - Number.	515	446	3,019	2,793
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	10.43	9.40	9.00	8.71
Infant Mortality - Number.	31	33	269	235
*Rate per 1000 Live Births.	24.92	27.16	30.79	29.29
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis.	2	16	51	83
Cancer.	60	43	403	378
Influenza.	5	2	8	9
Diphtheria.	1	1	9	3
Cerebral Haemorrhage, Etc.	56	50	325	290
Arteriosclerosis.	28	14	107	74
Diseases of the Heart.	192	155	952	824
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia.	21	8	107	90
Diarrhoea and Enteritis.	3	6	49	34
Nephritis.	8	9	52	46
Diseases of Early Infancy.	22	24	168	147
Senility.	6	1	19	24
Accidents.	33	36	230	242
All Other Causes.	78	81	539	549
Total.	515	446	3,019	2,793

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eight months ended August totalled 879,770 acres, an increase of 203,090 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 2,950,245 acres, an increase of 1,382,426.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of August.		2 Months ended August.	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue.	2,842,354	1,961,732	5,176,129	3,904,097
Revenue per Head of Population.	£4. 17. 7	£3. 9. 10	£8. 17. 11	£6. 19. 4
Expenditure.	2,846,566	2,263,098	5,273,212	4,311,267
Expenditure per Head of Population.	£4. 17. 9	£4. 0. 7	£9. 1. 3	£7. 13. 10

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 31st August amounted to £45,539,577 or £78. 2. 3 per head of population as against £39,651,795 or £70. 8. 7 per head as at the 31st August last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearance for the 5 weeks ended 29th August, 1951 amounted to 9,730,345 compared with 7,082,834 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds.		AUGUST.		2 Months ended AUGUST.	
		1951	1950	1951	1950
Transfers.	No.	2,444	2,214	4,682	4,320
	£	3,549,664	2,200,838	6,693,089	4,571,879
Mortgages.	No.	1,611	1,690	3,032	3,249
	£.	2,683,479	2,162,782	4,508,967	4,502,620
Discharges of Mortgages.	No.	1,088	1,065	2,051	2,094

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

	Taxable Goods.		Sales of Exempt Goods.	Tax Collected.
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable. (Gross).	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable. (Gross).		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Two Months ended August, 1950.	4,618,749	3,134,906	8,754,449	424,343
Two Months ended August, 1951.	5,555,706	4,692,101	13,370,208	606,410
Month of August, 1950.	2,404,647	1,570,381	4,337,475	213,712
Month of August, 1951.	3,114,898	2,355,942	7,711,970	321,128

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

20 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £972,000, and 15 Foreign Companies were registered during the two months ended August, 1951. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 27 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,057,000, and 9 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	2 Months Ended AUGUST.					
	1951			1950		
	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders.	4	5,933	466	8	25,355	8,342
Deeds of Assignment.(a)	3	4,914	3,702	3	12,197	16,018
Deeds of Arrangement.	1	1,978	1,015	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:

		JULY.		12 Months ended JUNE.	
		1951	1950	1951	1950
Gross Earnings. (a) *	£.	810,000	539,900	7,196,214	6,472,049
Working Expenses.(a)	£.	836,471	637,208	8,618,863	7,501,395
Train Miles Run.	No.	603,597	591,838	7,135,668	6,733,141
Motor Bus Miles Run.	No.	(b)137,261	(b)120,464	1,807,855	1,328,699
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train.	No.	867,632	844,149	11,542,778	11,188,113
Motor Bus.	No.	47,603	35,015	551,969	483,542
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>					
Paying Goods.		265,624	245,541	2,892,784	2,696,399
Livestock.		8,632	10,170	140,429	146,893
Departmental. (Free Freight).		73,583	70,615	896,243	801,390
Total.		347,839	326,326	3,929,456	3,644,682
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>					
Paying Goods.		42,828,967	38,445,924	442,772,795	408,232,387
Livestock.		1,147,361	1,453,728	17,200,476	18,126,345
Departmental. (Free Freight).		8,120,777	8,589,301	103,575,817	100,714,450
Total.		52,097,105	48,488,953	563,349,088	527,073,182

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

* Figures liable to revision.

(b) Four weeks ended 28th July.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES).

Period.	METROPOLITAN AREA.				ENTIRE STATE.			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947.	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
Year 1948.	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
Year 1949.	3,250	1,141	79	1,160	6,592	3,722	156	2,120
Year 1950.	4,664	1,901	86	1,214	9,325	5,660	150	2,390
1951 -								
January.	264	137	3	123	507	458	5	208
February.	348	177	2	137	654	526	5	224
March.	354	199	2	208	666	604	4	338
April.	359	153	1	193	652	449	7	308
May.	329	200	3	159	600	477	9	266
June.	259	221	2	145	475	520	6	244
July.	330	158	4	123	592	457	16	248

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).*

Date (As at end of Month).	METROPOLITAN AREA.				ENTIRE STATE.			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1948 -								
June.	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
December.	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
1949 -								
June.	24,259	11,330	364	6,729	39,989	37,680	648	10,972
December.	26,245	11,989	402	7,286	43,981	40,412	781	11,740
1950 -								
June.	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
December.	31,223	13,490	494	8,230	52,185	42,792	903	13,030
1951 -								
January.	31,463	13,645	497	8,341	51,830	41,257	898	12,853
February.	31,656	13,783	498	8,437	52,904	42,942	917	13,256
March.	31,900	13,932	496	8,550	53,460	43,496	917	13,500
April.	32,113	14,041	498	8,670	54,422	44,571	934	13,970
May.	32,301	14,154	498	8,757	55,126	45,386	944	14,260
June.	32,966	14,461	499	8,876	56,109	46,150	950	14,521
July.	33,891	14,896	498	9,097	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

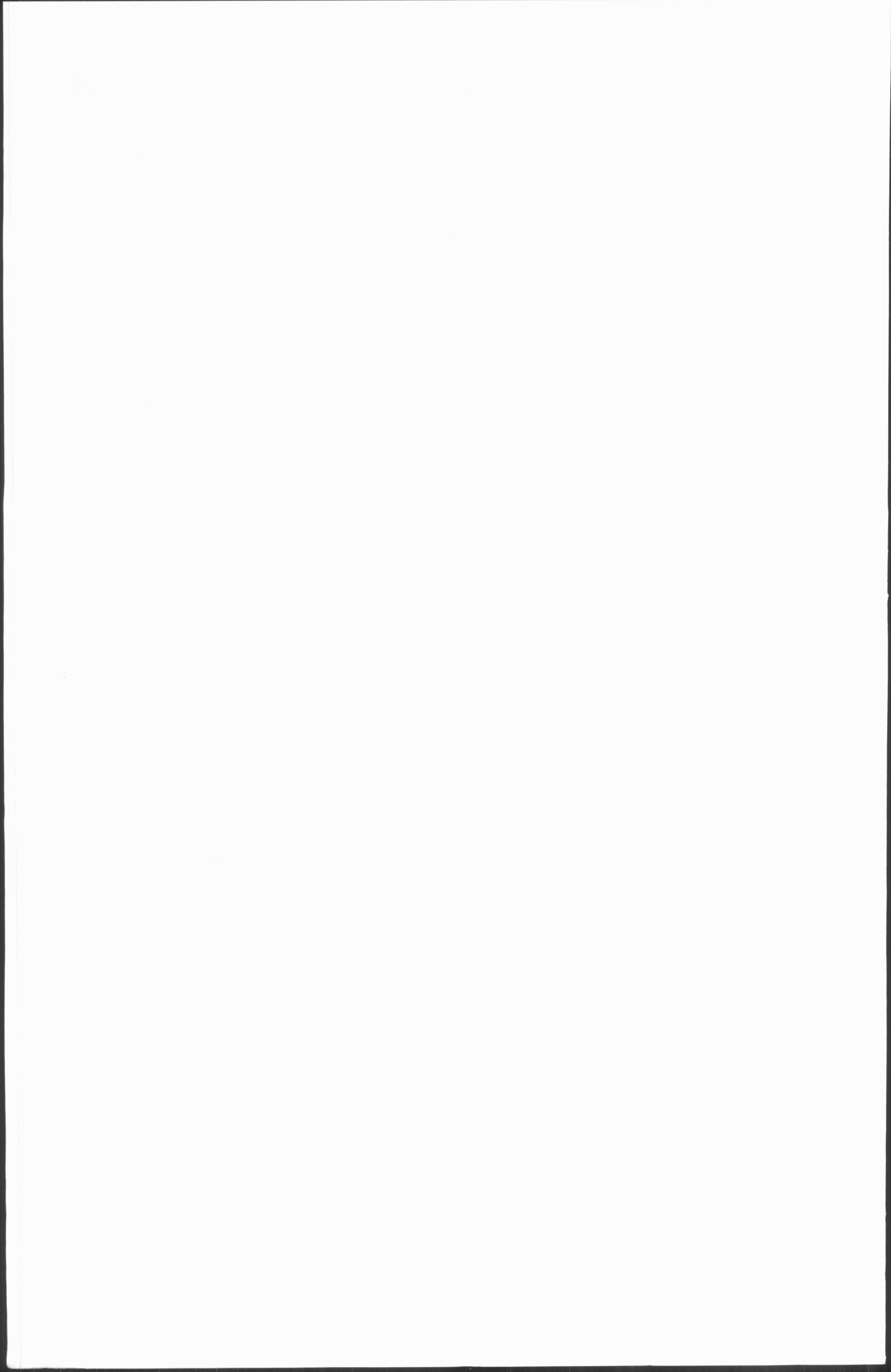
(a) Not yet available.

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for July, 1951: 126 Cars; 793 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 8 Buses and 14 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA).

Trade of Western Australia, July, 1951 and 1950, and 12 months ended June, 1951 and 1950, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS.				EXPORTS. (Including Ships' Stores).			
	JULY.		12 Months ended June.		JULY.		12 Months ended June.	
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950
Oversea.	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000
Interstate.	2,242	3,023	40,263	34,422	6,789	3,530	102,179	55,528
	5,581	3,071	47,914	35,022	1,022	460	9,661	6,338
TOTAL.	7,823	6,094	88,177	69,444	7,811	3,990	111,840	61,866



BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period.	Dwellings.				Factories.		Other.		Total.	
	Owner-Built.		By Contractors etc.(a)							
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951 -										
March Qr.	442	583	780	1,255	8	26	82	189	1,312	2,053
June Qr.	425	571	1,002	1,629	5	20	143	301	1,575	2,521

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.
(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period.	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls.									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood.		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement.		Other Material.		Total.	
	No.	Value. £,000	No.	Value. £,000	No.	Value. £,000	No.	Value. £,000	No.	Value. £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
<u>1951 -</u>										
March Qr.	447	877	93	88	613	803	21	22	1,174	1,790
June Qr.	507	1,027	106	110	678	923	65	63	1,356	2,123

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,598,296 lbs. were produced during July, 1951, and 15,574,087 lbs. for the twelve months ended June, 1951, as against 1,379,105 and 15,010,843 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1950.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	AUGUST.		8 Months ended AUGUST.	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Quantity Fine Ozs.	51,495	52,257	421,168	397,079
Value (Aust. Currency). £.	797,743	809,554	6,524,590	6,162,609

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the eight months ended August, 1951, amounted to £496,721. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1950 amounted to £565,680.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town.	Food and Groceries.				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
	JUNE QUARTER.		12 Months ended JUNE.		JUNE QUARTER.		12 Months ended JUNE.	
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950
Metropolitan Area.	1,904	1,559	1,754	1,506	1,827	1,517	1,673	1,473
Kalgoorlie-Boulder.	2,055	1,694	1,887	1,637	1,906	1,616	1,762	1,564
Northam.	1,938	1,584	1,771	1,526	1,842	1,532	1,687	1,485
Bunbury.	1,922	1,561	1,773	1,509	1,825	1,532	1,688	1,488
Geraldton.	1,972	1,602	1,803	1,543	1,921	1,590	1,760	1,538
Collie.	1,931	1,564	1,772	1,519	1,750	1,454	1,607	1,411

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month.	1950			1951		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
January.	117,756	38,819	156,575	123,741	40,324	164,065
February.	118,064	39,050	157,114	124,946	41,182	166,128
March.	119,009	39,708	158,717	125,210	41,480	166,690
April.	119,440	39,726	159,166	124,785	41,729	166,514
May.	120,616	39,755	160,371	124,715	41,642	166,357
June.	120,479	39,952	160,431	125,284	41,564	166,848
July.	120,412	39,753	160,165			
August.	121,263	40,015	161,278			
September.	121,691	40,367	162,058			
October.	121,871	40,343	162,214			
November.	122,889	40,583	163,472			
December.	123,146	41,199	164,345			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month.	FACTORIES. (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100)).					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000)).				
	1947	1948	1949	1950 (a)	1951 (a)	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
January.	162	171	179	194	206	1134	1233	1354	1410	1490
February.	164	172	182	197	209	1138	1249	1358	1387	1495
March.	166	176	186	200	209	1145	1264	1371	1415	1513
April.	167	176	187	200	209	1144	1264	1377	1415	1508
May.	168	177	187	203	210	1151	1277	1354	1418	1500
June.	167	177	187	202	211	1153	1277	1362	1429	1517
July.	167	177	182	202		1168	1301	1381	1423	
August.	167	179	189	202		1181	1294	1377	1419	
September.	168	180	190	203		1172	1302	1365	1428	
October.	168	180	191	204		1184	1318	1375	1431	
November.	169	182	192	205		1215	1349	1402	1450	
December.	170	182	194	204		1267	1385	1470	1531	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1950 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation.	Metropolitan Area.			South-West Land Division.			Goldfields and Rest of State.											
	Male.		Female.	Male.		Female.	Male.		Female.									
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.									
23rd July, 1951.	9.	16.	8	5.	11.	1	9.	15.	9	5.	10.	8	10.	1.	6	5.	13.	8

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

Particulars.	AUGUST.		2 Months ended AUGUST.	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	27,906	21,823	55,526	43,773
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	24,371	20,043	48,737	40,158

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.
August, 1951.	17,264	454	48,119	9,483
August, 1950.	16,188	556	47,242	6,734
8 Months ended August, 1951.	86,672	2,728	344,462	71,154
8 Months ended August, 1950.	86,909	3,290	405,259	60,905

